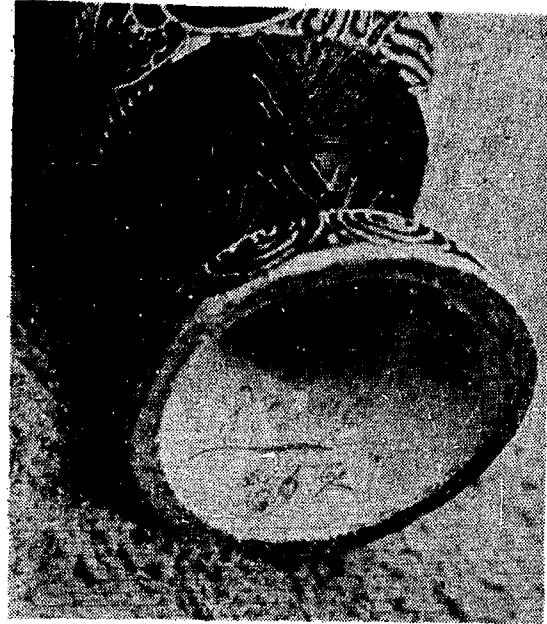


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Weather:
Snow Warning



Vase Is Worth 50c Or \$63,000

Niles Woman May Hold Ming Art Treasure

By EARLE BERRY
State Editor

NILES—Mrs. Alan Martindale who bought a vase at a neighborhood garage sale says a West Coast art dealer has offered her \$63,000 in the belief it is a 15th Century Ming Dynasty art treasure from China.

But until she is sure the vase is really that valuable, the Niles township housewife has put it in a bank safe deposit vault and has retained a lawyer.

The sudden possibility of good fortune also has sent her into

semi-seclusion: she has had her telephone changed to an unlisted number to shut off a barrage of inquiries from newspaper, radio and television newsmen.

Her lawyer Atty. Casper Grathwohl, Sr., said he is inclined to disbelieve the validity of the \$63,000 offer which was made by telephone to Mrs. Martindale.

He said as soon as he can get to Chicago, he will make arrangements for a Chinese art authority to examine the vase and determine its authenticity.

Mrs. Martindale's art adventure began last August when she paid a half dollar for the vase at a sale in a neighbor's garage. She said the next day the woman who had the vase tried to buy it back for \$75 but she refused to sell it.

She had color photos taken of the vase and sent them to the Chicago Art Institute which replied the art object probably was made in China 500 years ago.

This week, she said she got the \$63,000 offer from the art dealer in the Los Angeles area.

Mrs. Martindale said she bought the vase because she liked it and "it was different."

She added her husband didn't admire it particularly, but if I like it that was all that mattered."

The vase is about 12 inches high and painted with various colors. Figures on the base represent a Chinese empress.

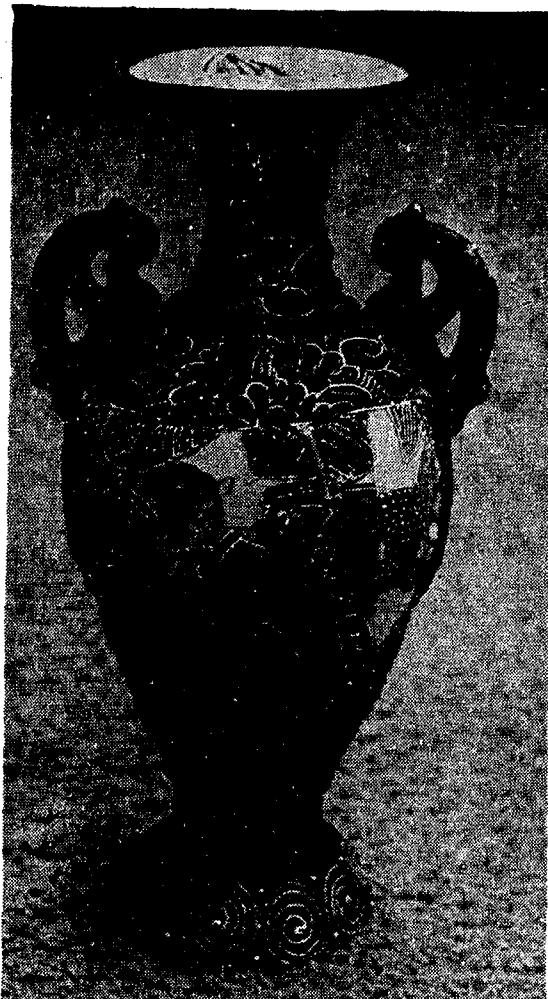
'Major' Blast Wrecks Plant Near Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — An explosion described by police as "major" wrecked an industrial plant in suburban Broadview today.

Police in the suburb west of Chicago reported 36 to 38 persons taken to hospitals.

The blast was at the Chase Products Co., at 19th Avenue and Gardner Road in Broadview.

When college officials told marchers the chanting was illegal, AFT officials agreed to



IS IT A MING?: This is oriental vase Mrs. Alan Martindale of Niles township picked up at garage sale for 50 cents. She has been offered \$63,000 for it by West Coast art dealer in belief it was made during 15th Century Ming dynasty in China. Photo of tilted vase shows price Mrs. Martindale paid. (AP Wirephoto)

College May Not Stay Open

San Francisco State Is Having Rough Time

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—San Francisco State College, rocked by a renewal of violence, moved into its third day of a teachers' strike today with several department heads saying they are uncertain how much longer they can operate with empty classes.

Picket line scuffles broke out Tuesday, involving members of the American Federation of Teachers and student militants who have been striking since last November.

Acting President S. I. Hayakawa has accused some teachers of "riding the coattails" of the students.

NEW VIOLENCE

The rupture of cooperative efforts between the two groups led Tuesday to the first renewal of violence — and police arrests — since the 18,000 student school reopened Monday after a three week Christmas recess.

Dwight Newell, dean of the Department of Education, said Tuesday's classroom attendance, both by faculty and students, was well below average. "If it continues," he said, "I don't see how we can conduct a useful academic program."

Hayakawa, in contrast, told a news conference Tuesday afternoon that despite the strike and violence, "classes are uninterrupted and people continued their serious business of studying and teaching."

A picket line in front of the administration building, ostensibly controlled by the AFT, grew by mid-afternoon Tuesday from 50 to 300 chanting marchers.

The newspaper said an agreement was signed in Havana Tuesday. It provides for technical assistance for a uranium atomic reactor delivered last year to the Cuban Academy of Sciences. It also provides for technical aid in television and irrigation.

Soviet Deputy Minister Vladimir Novikov, head of a delegation here for the Cuban 10th anniversary celebration, signed for the Russians. Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, president of the Cuban National Commission for Economic and Scientific-Technical Collaboration, signed for Cuba.

Grand Rapids reported the accumulated snow cover on the ground in Berrien county at 10% inches and in Van Buren county from 13 to 14 inches.

Low temperatures forecast for tonight are 10 to 15 degrees. Lows reported in the area last night ranged from 8 to 12 degrees.

The Weather Bureau at

ROMNEY SWAN SONG FANS DEBATE OVER PRIVATE SCHOOL AID

How Will Milliken Handle It?

But Decision Really Up To Legislature

LANSING (AP) — The state capitol today was the center of a controversy surrounding public aid to parochial schools as the 75th Michigan Legislature convened and Lt. Gov. William C. Milliken prepared his State of the State message.

Milliken already has said he will not be bound by a suggestion by outgoing Gov. George Romney that parochial schools concentrate on religious instruction and leave all secular education to public schools.

MORE IDEAS DUE

The governor-to-be is expected to spell out his recommendation and leave all secular education problems when he speaks to a joint session of the Legislature Thursday.

The Legislature will be the scene of any battle over public funds for nonpublic schools.

Rep. William Ryan, D-Detroit, leader of the Democrats, who have the majority in the House, has termed Romney's suggestion "incredible" and "ridiculous."

Romney's proposal, made in a televised farewell address, continued to draw mixed reaction from educators and politicians.

In Washington, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. Donahue, executive director of elementary and secondary education of the U.S. Catholic Conference, said Romney's statement was "most disconcerting, coming as it does when he is about to assume the duties of a Cabinet post."

Romney has been named secretary of housing and urban development by President-elect Nixon.

Msgr. Donahue said Romney's statement "seems to reflect a naivete about both religious education, and general education planning."

OTHER VIEWS

In Lansing, The Citizens to Advance Public Education applauded the Romney statement. "We are only sorry that the governor waited so long to make his views public," said Mrs. Harriet Phillips, chairman of the group.

Dr. John F. Choitz, president of the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools, termed Romney's remarks, "too absurd to argue about."

"I am shocked and astonished," said Dr. Choitz, "that a man in high public office would make such a suggestion."

The president of the Michigan Federation of Teachers, Henry Linne, said, "I think the governor did an excellent job of putting his finger on the most crucial areas in Michigan education."

"But then I think his suggested solution ignored all the factors he had put his finger on."

Dr. Edwin Novak of Flint, president of the State Board of Education, called Romney's suggestion "a disservice to Michigan education."

The Most Rev. Thomas J. Gumbleton, auxiliary bishop and vicar general of the archdiocese of Detroit, (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)



IT MAY LOOK LIKE A CANAL: Residents who live on Derfla drive, which runs parallel to the St. Joseph river in Royalton township off Bacon school road, really need a boat since the flooding of their road occurs when ice on the river causes water to back up. It happened again yesterday and the Berrien county sheriff's department contemplated dynamiting the river, but decided against it when the water subsided somewhat. Linden drive, also parallel to the river, and an extension of Derfla drive, also was flooded, the Berrien county road commission reported. (Staff photo)

Legislature Begins 1969 Session Today

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Houses Choose Leaders

By JIM NICHOLS

LANSING (AP) — The 75th Michigan Legislature assembled for the first time today, beginning its 1969 session with a touch of pomp and ceremony and in what appeared to be harmonious bipartisan accord.

Democrats made ready to take control of the House of Representatives, which Republicans held by a narrow margin in 1967-68. The Senate, whose members did not face re-election last year, remained 20-18 in GOP control.

DEMOCRATS CLOSE RANKS

Attention was focused on the House, where once a major leadership fight had appeared likely. Now, observers thought, majority Democrats had closed their ranks enough to unite behind their party's candidates.

If so, Rep. William A. Ryan, D-Detroit, a soft-spoken 49-year-old former miner, Marine and UAW local president, will be elected speaker, or chief presiding officer, of the chamber.

Barring an unforeseen party blowup, the House will also install Rep. Stanley J. Davis, D-Grand Rapids, as associate speaker pro tempore.

In the Senate, Sen. Milton Zaagman, R-Grand Rapids, is to be elected assistant president pro tempore.

As House speaker, Ryan succeeds Rep. Robert Waldron, R-Grosse Pointe, who held the chamber's gavel in 1967-68 but was forced to yield it when the Nov. 5 election gave Democrats a 57-53 edge.

Waldron remains head of the House GOP, having been elected minority leader by the Republicans.

ONE VACANCY

Already there is one vacancy in the 110-member House. Rep. Frederic Marshall, R-Allen, died Dec. 31 of cancer. The vacancy will be filled in a special election Feb. 25.

Many lawmakers said they hoped the main bulk of this session's work could be completed by early July.

The House and Senate plan to convene jointly Thursday to hear the State of the State message read by Lt. Gov. William

Milliken, soon to be governor himself.

The Legislature then will adjourn for a week or two, depending on whether or not Rep. Jack Gingrass, D-Iron Mountain, elects to seek a recount in the election he lost by 318 votes to Republican John Payant of Kingsford.

A House recount would mean sending 10 legislators to recheck votes in the five-county Upper Peninsula district, and probably would bring a two-week recess.

Major issues to face lawmakers in 1969, besides the annual task of writing a state budget, include public school financing and possible state financial aid to nonpublic schools.

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More Snow Expected

Today--3 To 5 Inches

With a blanket of 10 to 14 inches of packed snow already on the ground, southwestern Michigan was under a heavy snow warning for today.

The Weather Bureau predicted three to five inches of new snow would hit this area before nightfall.

The absence of strong winds was expected, how-

ever, to eliminate the drifting and blowing that has accompanied heavy snows in recent days.

All schools over the area were reported back in session today, after all but a very few were closed by severe weather and driving conditions Tuesday.

The Weather Bureau at

IN SHOREHAM

Sedate Music? Oh, Yes! Rock 'n Roll? Oh, No!

The Shoreham village council doesn't dig that rock and roll music.

The board, meeting Tuesday night, approved a dance permit for the Shoreham restaurant—providing that patrons dance to "sedate" music.

The permit specifically prohibits "rock and roll or music which might be considered noisy."

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

City Hall Facing A Bumpy Road

Futile as it is to lock the barn after the horse has been stolen, the settlement in the St. Joseph firemen's strike leaves to the city government the chilling alternative of salvaging what may be possible from the improbable.

The money cost is small. Disregarding an economic fringe factoring of 10 to 15 per cent in the city's pay structure, the dollar and cents price totals only what a fireman first class draws as base pay under the new schedule.

The method in reaching agreement and other circumstances outside the fire department easily show this to be a completely one-sided bargain.

Stampeded by the threat of a strike, the city commissioners took the negotiations away from their city manager to deal directly with the firemen.

This fright induced act gave the firemen everything they had demanded months ago and gained no compensatory concessions whatever for the city.

It may be argued the maneuver spared a walkout in a particularly dangerous time of the year.

Forgotten apparently was an offer from St. Joseph township to provide standby service through its volunteer department. The township department already had arranged its staff and scheduling to meet the emergency if called upon to assist.

The agreement itself buys peace for only a few pages in the calendar. It runs to next September 1st. Presumably about the time the sporting world has a fair

idea of which teams will be battling in the World Series, the firemen and city hall be squaring off again on a new contract proposal.

If the city fathers can back away from granting comparable increases to all other municipal employees reasonably soon, this would have to be recorded as a complete refutation of the old proverb that what's sauce for the goose must be sauce for the gander.

There is a gentlemen's agreement, reached three years ago, to maintain the policemen at five per cent above the firemen, and a powerful movement is under way to unionize the public works department and perhaps others.

Friday's example of what muscle can do will be difficult to contest or even moderate.

The city manager already has estimated at least \$60,000 would be required to meet what seems a reasonable anticipation.

There is a city election this April 7th.

By way of meeting realistically this new situation, the commissioners better prepare an additional ballot seeking extra tax money to run the show.

In the past, city hall has always shown the ability to scrounge money from hidden pockets for various projects, much like the camel subsists on its fatty hump when grazing is sparse.

That hump has dwindled greatly in recent years. Friday's agreement forecasts a gritty message for the St. Joe taxpayer.

South Vietnamese Step-Up

That there will be no early cease fire in Vietnam is obvious, which leaves the United States no choice but to look to other avenues to begin extricating itself from the heavy commitment thrust upon it in that battle weary country.

One of the more apparent of

these is to permit the South Vietnamese army to assume a greater share of the responsibility.

That is exactly what South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu promised in a New Year's Eve television speech to his countrymen.

"We are ready," he said, "and we have the ability to do so in 1969 because of the growth in size and efficiency of the armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam."

Similar promises were made in earlier periods of this conflict by other Vietnamese leaders. The promises were not always fulfilled. Yet, there are indications that conditions might be different this year.

To lead off, the Viet Cong give increasing evidence of weakness. No longer are they able to attack widely scattered villages in South Vietnam with impunity.

The attacks they are able to muster show weakness in numbers. Their casualties continue at a high rate, and defections from their ranks are rising.

On the South Vietnamese side, the army has shown increasing strength in recent months, and there appears to have been a significant improvement in the leadership of the armed forces.

American officers on the scene long have contended lack of strong leadership was the most glaring weakness of government armies.

Definite measures have been taken to improve both the quality and quantity of South Vietnamese fighting men. President Thieu has removed commanders who have proven ineffective and he has instituted procedures for increasing the draft and otherwise lengthening the terms of service for his fighting men.

The fighting in South Vietnam has continued for more than a decade. It has taken a heavy toll of the Vietnamese people, but events of recent months have convinced the Saigon government that the United States has no intention of staying in large numbers indefinitely.

Perhaps it is the knowledge that the Vietnamese must take the brunt of the commitment and soon that will put teeth in President Thieu's promise.

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'I Was Only Joking ... Sir!'



GLANCING BACKWARDS

FOP ASSOCIATES INSTALL OFFICERS

—1 Year Ago—

Associate members of Fraternal Order of Police, St. Joseph lodge No. 96 installed officers at annual meeting.

Ed Shell is president; Tom Harris, vice president; Jim Martin, treasurer; Walter Kowerdick, recording secretary and Lee Tiefenbach, corresponding secretary. Ed Barrick is retiring president.

NEW BUFFALO ANNEXATION HIT

—10 Years Ago—

The village council found out 94 acres of the undeveloped portion of Sunset shores subdivision was improperly annexed according to the village attorney Phillip A. Brown.

Ex-Village Attorney Stephen T. Roumell insisted the annexation was not proper. Commented Councilman Edward Griegier: "We got \$5,000 worth of water mains stuck in the Benton Harbor and Niles."

FIFTH ARMY NEAR CASSINO

—25 Years Ago—

Victorious American troops massed around captured San Vittore today forming a spearhead which stormed at the outer defenses of Cassino, 70 straight-line miles from Rome.

The fall of the fiercely-defended little mountain village of San Vittore alongside the Via Cassilina was disclosed yesterday by Associated Press correspondent Don Whitehead. His dispatch from the front said that San Vittore had been seized Thursday after a violent 40-hour battle from house to house. The village is six miles from Cassino.

WILLIAM RITT

You're
Telling Me!

Every newspaper copy sold, according to a Paragraph item, is read on an average by three persons. The buyer himself and two other guys looking over his shoulders.

Zadok Dumkopf has a new definition for an after-dinner speaker: One who talks during somebody else's sleep.

The turkeyfish is not only inedible, it's really poisonous — nature item. Must be traveling under an alias!

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FROM THE ICE

—35 Years Ago—

Coast Guards late Saturday succeeded in chopping the fish tug, Bremen, out of the ice four miles south of the harbor. The Bremen went down Dec. 25 with four men on board.

LAW INVOKED

—45 Years Ago—

The state padlock law of 1915 has been invoked and petitions have been filed in Berrien county circuit asking injunction writs to close three Berrien county buildings for periods of one year. Two are alleged to be "blind pigs" and the other a disorderly resort, being located in Benton Harbor and Niles.

MORE LAMPS

—55 Years Ago—

A plan to provide more street lamps in many parts of the city is under consideration of the city council. The board finds one-third of the city not properly lighted.

Peace at any price.

IN PORT

—77 Years Ago—

The M. and E. Transit company's steamers, City of Fremont and Fountain City arrived in port this morning.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

COFFINS VS. TABLES

While old men in Paris continue to have prolonged discussions regarding the various possible shapes of a table, in Vietnam the young men's coffin design continues to remain the same.

Peace at any price.

FRANK BARD,
Union Pier

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH	♦ A Q J 10
	♦ A K 10 8 7 3
	♦ J 6
	♦ 5
WEST	♦ 7 4
	♦ Q J 9 4
	♦ K Q 10 8
	♦ A 8 2
EAST	♦ 8 5 3
	♦ 5
	♦ 9 7 5 2
	♦ K J 10 6 4
SOUTH	♦ K 9 6 2
	♦ 6 2
	♦ A 8 4
	♦ Q 9 7 3

The bidding:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

4 ♣

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Let's say you're declarer at four spades and West leads the king of diamonds. The best way to play the hand is not exactly obvious, but it is clear that if the spades and hearts are both divided 3-2, you will have no trouble making the contract by establishing dummy's hearts.

So what do you assume that either or both suits are divided 4-1, and go on from there. There is no use worrying about a 5-0 break in either suit because the contract would

almost surely go down in that case.

Probably the best way to start is to win the ace of diamonds and cash the A-Q of spades. With both opponents following suit, half the battle is won, but you can't afford to relax just yet. There is still the danger of a 4-1 heart division to be dealt with.

Thus, in the actual hand, suppose you drew a third round of trumps and cashed the A-K of hearts. With East showing out, you would find the contract unmanageable and would wind up going down two against proper defense.

Instead, you should stop drawing trumps after two rounds and cash the ace of hearts. When East-West both follow suit, you continue with a low heart from leading the contract 100 percent.

West wins with the nine but cannot prevent you from later establishing the hearts and returning to dummy with a trump to cash them. The only tricks you lose are a heart, a diamond and a club.

It is true that if the hearts

were divided 3-2 the recommended method of play would

cost a trick unnecessarily, but it

is an unimportant 30-point loss

which you should willingly incur to assure the contract.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

When an irate father demanded to know why a professor had flunked his son, the professor replied, "In his final examination for my course your son answered correctly 11 questions out of 100. You may be interested to know that on the same test, a baboon answered 24."

A scientist who rashly announced back in the Gay 90s that there existed the menace of deadly bacteria in the gentle art of kissing got his come-uppance very quickly from the outraged William C. Brann, fiery editor of "The Iconoclast." "Here in Texas," thundered Brann, "we take our kisses as they come and give thanks for them. We've got our hands full buttering up our glorious girls without bothering about any bacteria. Let those gloomy scientists with their blasted microscopes croak what they may, the man who gets the chance to buss corn-fed Texas beauty whose breath is sweet as that of a brindle calf fed on clover blooms doesn't have to give a damn for any fool bacilli!"

And that still goes seventy-five years later!

When stocks and shares can be purchased at the price originally paid for them, they are said to be "at par."

Paris University is better known as the Sorbonne.

Prohibition went into effect on Jan. 16, 1920.

DR. COLEMAN

... And Speaking Of Your Health

It is true that it is possible to foretell criminals by the study of genetics?

Tremendous strides have been made in recent years in advancing the knowledge of chromosomes and the effect of their disturbance in the physical and emotional makeup of the human being. These microscopic rod-shaped bodies are present in very definite numbers in each species of life. In the human there are pairs of chromosomes in the normal healthy child and adult. Dr. Coleman

There are chromosomes, identified as X and Y, which determine the male or female sex and some of the characteristics of each. The X chromosome is identified with the female and the Y belongs to the male chromosome.

What foods should be avoided by people who have gout?

A diet for gout must be low in purines, from which uric acid is made and which accumulates in the blood stream. A high content of uric acid is responsible for many of the symptoms associated with gout.

Meat extracts, sweetbreads,

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Can emotions and emotional upsets affect hardening of the arteries?

It is now accepted that the emotions can and do play a role in the functioning of every organ of the body. The blood vessels are considered a body organ.

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ST. JOSEPH, MICH., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1969

SJ CITY COMMISSION RACE DRAWS INTEREST

Shoreham Numbering Plan OK'd

Petitions Are Ignored By Council

Shoreham village council last night ignored a petition of 146 residents who oppose a new numbering system adopted for South Lake Shore drive in the village.

Dr. Hugo David, village president, read from the petition in which residents complained some have changed house numbers four times and others did not want to change the sequence which originates in St. Joseph.

Petitioners complained that a public hearing should have been held. Dr. David noted that despite the number of signers to the petition there was no one in the audience to speak on the subject, and the council let the matter drop.

It would be unfair, Dr. David said, to change all of the Shoreham numbers. The new system is based on county-wide system approved by the board of supervisors and county planning system. The St. Joseph system, on which Shoreham's Lake Shore drive numbers were based, is not based on the county system. Commissioners heard that the St. Joseph township fire department favors the county system because it is easier to find a specific location. Dr. David said the city of St. Joseph "is an island" in the county's system.

OKAY COLLECTIONS

Mrs. Barbara Drews, a councilwoman, was authorized to collect up to \$35 each from residents of Hanley road who want street lights but with the power lines buried.

Cal Rode of Hanley road, asked that regular street lights be erected with wooden poles and overhead wires. Residents of the street have asked the council as an alternate to install a boulevard type light with underground wiring if they pay the difference.

The council gave residents two weeks to get the money to Mrs. Drews. About 25 residences are involved. If the money is not raised then Dr. David was empowered to order regular lights installed.

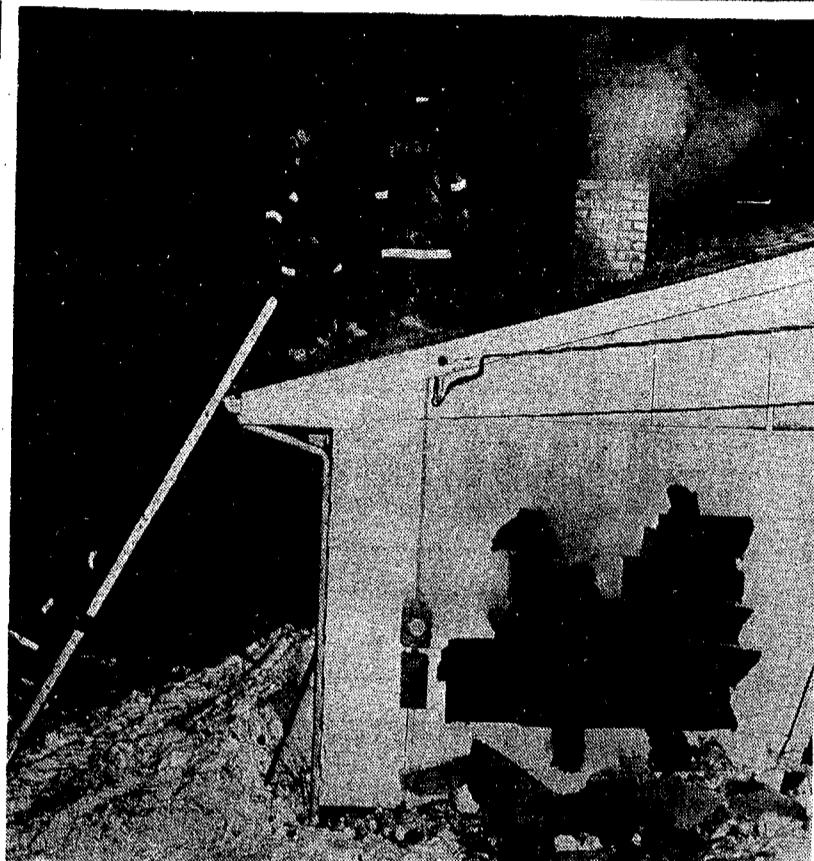
ANNUAL CAUCUS SET

Secretary Janet Halsley said the annual village caucus is scheduled for Feb. 17 for the spring election March 10. Feb. 7 is the deadline for registering for the election. All village offices and three trustees will be elected. Most said they would wait until the caucus before deciding if they would seek reelection. Other officers in addition to Dr. David and Mrs. Halsley are Treasurer Mrs. David and assessor Frank Oles.

Dr. David appointed Lowell Pepper, chairman and Nate Downey, Ken Rogers, Dr. William Rahn, Jr. and Mrs. Stephen Upton to a committee to study what can be done with a four-acre part given to the village by Stephen Upton.

TRIP ENDS

PULLMAN — Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Blanchard have returned home here after visiting her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Suer of Porterville, Calif., and her brother and his family, Mr. and Mrs. James Van Blaricum, Corpus Christie, Tex.



FIRE IN SUBDIVISION: Benton township firemen extinguish blaze that started around a fireplace chimney in a house in O'Brien's Shamrock subdivision, Britain avenue, last night. Firemen said interior of house sustained heavy damage before blaze was extinguished. Owner James Baker told firemen he recently had moved into the house. (Staff photo)

Watervliet Says Bids Are Too High

Remodeling Of City Hall Still Considered

WATERVLIET — The Watervliet city commission last night rejected bids for remodeling the city hall here and agreed to study alternate plans for the proposed work before seeking new bids.

Fewer Fires In BH During December

Benton Harbor fire chief Ralph Hetherington this week reported that fewer fire alarms were turned in during December than during the same month in 1967.

According to figures released by Hetherington, 53 alarms were turned in last month while 61 had been turned in the previous December.

Significant decreases were noted in fires due to careless smoking (from five to two), miscellaneous outdoor fires (from five to one), smoke investigations (from four to one) and in resuscitator calls (from eight to three).

Hetherington, however, said that there were major fires at 785 Pavone avenue, 1213 Jennings street, 466 Maple street, 426 Territorial road and 200 East Empire avenue.

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Sanatorium Gets Grant For \$600

Dr. Frank Bunker of Benton Harbor, chairman of the Southwestern Region of the Michigan Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease association, announced that it has appropriated \$600 for use in the occupational therapy department of the Southwestern Michigan Tuberculosis sanatorium.

This money will be used to purchase materials and supplies for those tuberculosis patients who have no source of income, and for that reason cannot participate in the program. It will help patients from Van Buren, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Allegan and Berrien counties. These counties make up the southwestern region.

The first check will be for \$200 and the rest is to be expended upon request of the occupational therapy director, Raymond E. Bierlein. He will be responsible for disbursing the money to the needy patients.

Dr. Bunker says that this is just one of the ways that the Christmas Seal dollar is spent within the region to fight both tuberculosis and respiratory diseases.

Damage Minor In BH Blaze

Benton Harbor firemen said minor damage to a kitchen was caused by a pan of grease that ignited on a stove yesterday. The fire occurred in the home of Mrs. Jack Fisher, 595 Colfax avenue.

ON BH STREETS

NIGHT TIME PARKING

LIMITED TO ONE SIDE

Gast May Become Candidate

Necessity For More Millage Seen By Hill

The race for St. Joseph city commission seats has attracted the interest of at least one citizen and a glance from the fire department which has been locked in contract negotiations with the city.

Warren Gast, general manager of Gast Manufacturing Corp., said he has been "thinking along the line" of becoming a candidate for the commission. Joseph Mitchell, vice president of Local 1870, International Association of Fire Fighters, said the local is "unhappy with the present administration" and indicated that "careful thought will be given if we decide to back any candidates." He stressed that no stand has been taken by the firemen at this time.

ELECTION APRIL 7

St. Joseph voters face the prospect of electing up to three commissioners in the April 7 municipal election. Expiring seats are held by Mayor W.H. (Duke) Ehrenberg and William Rill. Victor Plassman has announced that he plans to resign because he has taken a job in Ohio.

If Plassman resigns soon and the commission appoints a successor before Feb. 6, the seat will be up for election in April, according to City Atty. Arthur G. (Pete) Preston, Jr. If the appointment is after Feb. 6, the seat would not be filled by election until April, 1970, under provisions of the city charter, Preston said.

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SJ CITY COMMISSION RACE DRAWS INTEREST

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Petitions Are Ignored By Council

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Dr. Hugo David, village president, read from the petition in which residents complained some have changed house numbers four times and others did not want to change the sequence which originates in St. Joseph.

Petitioners complained that a public hearing should have been held. Dr. David noted that despite the number of signers to the petition there was no one in the audience to speak on the subject, and the council let the matter drop.

It would be unfair, Dr. David said, to change all of the Shoreham numbers. The new system is based on county-wide system approved by the board of supervisors and county planning system. The St. Joseph system, on which Shoreham's Lake Shore drive numbers were based, is not based on the county system. Commissioners heard that the St. Joseph township fire department favors the county system because it is easier to find a specific location. Dr. David said the city of St. Joseph "is an island" in the county's system.

OKAY COLLECTIONS

Mrs. Barbara Drews, a councilwoman, was authorized to collect up to \$35 each from residents of Hanley road who want street lights but with the power lines buried.

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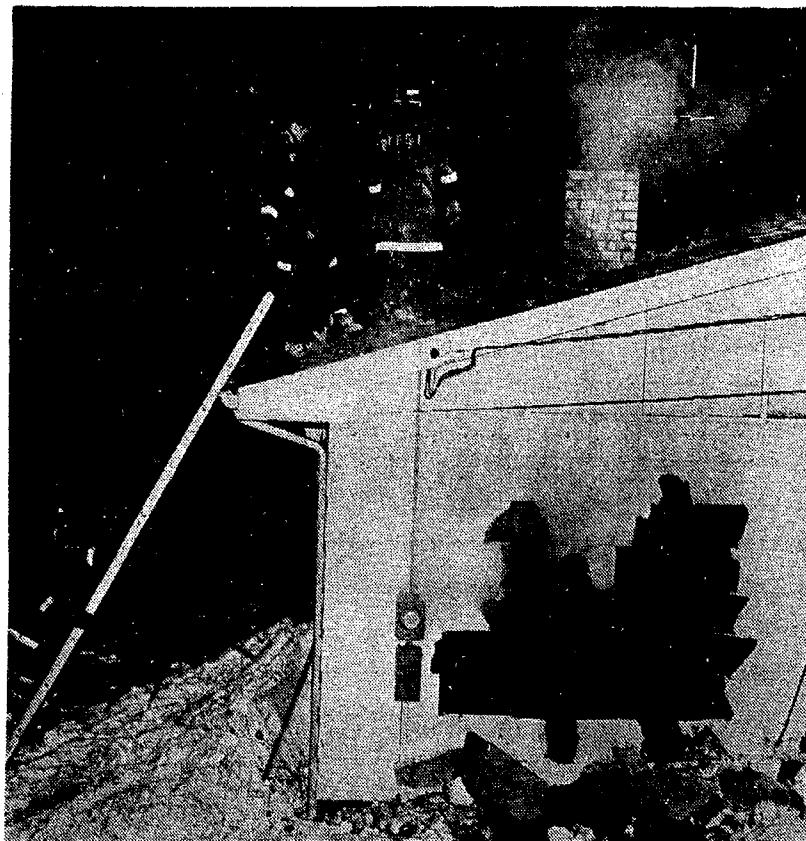
ANNUAL CAUCUS SET

Secretary Janet Halsley said the annual village caucus is scheduled for Feb. 17 for the spring election March 10. Feb. 7 is the deadline for registering for the election. All village offices and three trustees will be elected. Most said they would wait until the caucus before deciding if they would seek reelection. Other officers in addition to Dr. David and Mrs. Halsley are Treasurer Mrs. David and assessor Frank Oles.

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Watervliet Says Bids Are Too High

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WATERVLIET — The Watervliet city commission last night rejected bids for remodeling the city hall here and agreed to study alternate plans for the proposed work before seeking new bids.

Fewer Fires In BH During December

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Firemen worked for two hours fighting the fire in below freezing temperatures using all their equipment. Mrs. Middlestadt's husband left for work at 7 o'clock in the morning and arrived home while firemen were fighting the blaze.

After the fire was under control, Mrs. Middlestadt was found on the floor in the living room near the only window in the north wall, said Hazelton. Dr. A.E. Parks of Lawton, acting medical examiner was to conduct an autopsy this morning.

State fire marshal Robert Rhotman of Paw Paw was on the scene last night and is to continue his investigation today assisted by Lawton police chief Richard Irons and Hazelton.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the Prindle funeral home in Lawton.



FATAL FIRE: Mrs. Lillian Middlestadt, 64, 519 South Railroad street, Lawton, died in a fire about 6 p.m. yesterday in this two-story house where she lived with her husband. Lawton firemen found body near north wall on the first floor, where Mrs. Middlestadt occupied a room. Police chief Richard Irons said autopsy would be performed today to determine cause of death. Assistant fire chief Gary Hazelton said house was total loss, but exact cause of fire was unknown. Mrs. Middlestadt was alone in house when fire started, according to firemen. (Staff photo)

Toll-Free Phone Setup Sought For 4 Towns

SOUTH HAVEN—Application has been filed for General Telephone company with the Michigan Public Service commission for toll-free service between South Haven, Bangor, Grand Junction and Glenn, R. R. Randall, district manager for General Telephone, announced today.

Randall said General and Glenn telephone companies have jointly requested authority to provide the extra service between Glenn and South Haven.

SEEK RATE HIKE In a companion application, General Telephone company has also requested authority to increase local rates in its South

Haven, Bangor, and Grand Junction exchanges, Randall added.

If such applications are approved, it would mean that customers in the different exchanges would be able to dial calls directly to each other without toll charges.

Under the proposal, the calling area of the South Haven exchange would be increased by about 2,950 telephones, and the Bangor, Grand Junction and Glenn calling area would be increased by approximately 6,250 telephones located at South Haven.

With the increased number of telephones in a mutual calling area, Randall noted that the

increased exchange would fall within a higher rate group and would result in a slight increase in monthly rates."

HEARING DUE Randall indicated that the Michigan Public Service Commission would be holding a hearing on this proposal and that customers will receive notice of the hearing, including proposed rates, as soon as a hearing date has been determined.

Normally it requires about 18 to 24 months to secure the required additional equipment and to construct the needed facilities to provide this service if the project is approved, Randall added.

Liquor By Glass Vote Is Sought In Lawton

LAWTON — A petition containing 176 signatures was presented to the Lawton village council last night requesting the question of the sale of liquor by the glass in the village be placed on the March 10 annual election ballot.

The petition was presented to the council by Mrs. Grace McChesney, owner and operator of King's Tavern. The council turned the petition over to the village clerk for certification.

REQUEST DENIED In other business, the council denied a request from the Production Rubber company for a four-month extension of a lease on the new public works building on James street. The company is temporarily renting a portion of the building until a new building can be constructed.

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Councilman Clifford Bohannon suggested the council invite all candidates seeking council seats in the March 10 election to attend both the Feb. 4 and March 4 meetings of the council. Bohannon said there is much more to council work than the average citizen realizes and if the candidates would attend the meetings they could familiarize themselves with the work the council does.

The other council members agreed to invite the candidates.

REQUEST DENIED The council passed resolution to transfer \$200 from the general fund to the highway fund to comply with state regulations

concerning deficits; and to grant the Van Buren County Civil Defense the use of local fire fighting equipment in a county emergency.

TO STUDY SALARIES Councilman Burl Unrath suggested the council ask for bids on a blanket insurance policy for village property, buildings and equipment. Weurding appointed Unrath, Bohannon and Gordon Adams to a salary committee to study salaries of village employees and report at the next meeting.

Due to the illness of the three village employees last month, few complete monthly reports were given at the meeting.

Warren Conklin, chairman of the police committee, said the police worked 575 hours last

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Bohannon, chairman of the sidewalk committee, said all village employees were back on the job and that Kenneth Welburn, Dwight Brown and Theo McKnight helped when the regular employees were all ill.

A. L. Pelton, library committee chairman, said 292 persons visited the library and 868 publications were borrowed.

President pro-tem Weurding appointed Bohannon to investigate prices for the possible replacement of the street sweeper brush.

Bills totaling \$2,756.32 were approved for payment.

Building Sold

DETROIT (AP) — Creative Real Estate Co. of Birmingham said Tuesday it had purchased the Marquette Building, a 10-story office building in Detroit's downtown financial district for more than \$1 million.

Actress' Father Dies In Gobles

GOBLES — Rudolph Hrunek, 74, a retired chemist and father of television personality Betsy Palmer, died at his home at route 2, Gobles of an apparent heart attack while shoveling snow on Monday.

Mr. Hrunek was born March 24, 1894, in Prague, Czechoslovakia. He was a chemist for the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company in East Chicago, Ind., before his retirement. He and his wife, Marie, owned 53 acres northwest of Gobles for the past 30 years and made Gobles their permanent home for the past six years.

After his retirement, Mr. Hrunek spent much of his time



RUDOLPH V. HIRUNEK

Payrolls First Step In Program

18 Districts In 2 Counties To Participate

By JERRY KRIEGER
County Farm Editor

January paychecks for most teachers and other school personnel in Berrien and Cass counties will all be written by a computer at Andrews university, Berrien Springs, barring any hitches.

Computer preparation of the payroll for 18 districts will be the first step in a data processing program being started by the Berrien County Intermediate School district to handle much of the recordkeeping and paperwork school offices are burdened with.

Preparation of report cards, class scheduling, equipment inventories, budgets, attendance accounting and even scoring tests for all these districts are envisioned as chores for the computer in the next year or so ahead.

Berrien intermediate district is renting computer time at Andrews university's data processing center to get the program underway, but hopes to get its own computer equipment in its new headquarters at Berrien Springs by early 1970.

David Rhodes, director of data processing for the intermediate district, has been working since August to get the program launched. Assisting him is an advisory committee composed of either a superintendent or business manager from each of the 18 participating districts in the two counties.

Payroll clerks in the 18 districts have been assembling information since November in preparation for turning the job of payroll preparation over to the computer system in January.

Other major recordkeeping and report-making jobs in the schools will be converted to computer tasks in the months ahead, according to a priority schedule to be worked out by the advisory committee working with Rhodes.

It is Rhodes' assignment to program each big job and to work with the individual school staffs on the methods of collecting and assembling data in the form required for computer consumption.

Rhodes also works closely with the computer center staff at Andrews university, headed by C. Murray Robinson. Rhodes was hired from position in an area industry to head the intermediate district's move into data processing.

All but two of the 14 K-12 public school districts in Berrien county are participating in the joint program, as is the Berrien intermediate headquarters itself. Also, through a contract arrangement made by the Cass county intermediate district, all school districts in Cass, including the intermediate unit, are in the program.

AUTHORITY MILLAGE

To finance the move, all K-12 districts in Berrien except Niles and Watervliet authorized the county tax allocation board to grant .05 of a mill from their individual tax millage allocations to the Berrien intermediate district. The four K-12 districts in Cass did the same, allotting this same sliver of millage to the Cass intermediate district, which in turn pays the sum over to Berrien.

Additionally, the Berrien intermediate district will get a 40 per cent matching state aid grant from the state department of education to help provide this service for the local districts.

Intermediate Supt. Doyle Barkmeier said that as more of the mounting paperwork load on local districts is taken over by the computer, the local units will all realize financial savings.

Management Club To Meet

BUCHANAN — The Management club of the Clark Equipment Company will hold its regular meeting tonight in the American Legion home in Buchanan. A social hour at 5:30 will be followed by a dinner at 6:30.

The program will feature a talk by Howard Edwards, assistant general manager of the V-M Corporation. His topic will be "Experiences with the State Department on Foreign Affairs."



READYING SCHOOL PAYROLL: David Rhodes (right), director of data processing for Berrien intermediate school district, confers with C. Murray Robinson, manager of computer operations at Andrews university, on problem involved in computerizing payroll preparation for 18 school districts in Berrien and Cass counties. Andrews' IBM 1401 computer is on center. (Staff photo)

Kiefer New Chairman Of Van Buren Board

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AREA SCHOOLS PUTTING COMPUTER TO WORK

Woman, 64, Dies During Home Fire

Lawton Dwelling Destroyed Early Tuesday Night

LAWTON — Mrs. Dan (Lillian Fern) Middlestadt, 64, died in a fire which swept through her home at 519 South Railroad street in Lawton early Tuesday evening.

Lawton assistant fire chief Gary Hazelton said Mrs. Middlestadt was alone in the house at the time of the fire about 6 p.m. The fire destroyed the two-story, six-room frame home, but that the cause of the fire was unknown, according to Hazelton.

Firemen worked for two hours fighting the fire in below freezing temperatures using all their equipment. Mrs. Middlestadt's husband left for work at 7 o'clock in the morning and arrived home while firemen were fighting the blaze.

After the fire was under control, Mrs. Middlestadt was found on the floor in the living room near the only window in the north wall, said Hazelton. Dr. A.E. Parks of Lawton, acting medical examiner was to conduct an autopsy this morning.

State fire marshal Robert Rhoman of Paw Paw was on the scene last night and is to continue his investigation today assisted by Lawton police chief Richard Irons and Hazelton.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the Prindle funeral home in Lawton.



FATAL FIRE: Mrs. Lillian Middlestadt, 64, 519 South Railroad street, Lawton, died in a fire about 6 p.m. yesterday in this two-story house where she lived with her husband. Lawton firemen found body near north wall on the first floor, where Mrs. Middlestadt occupied a room. Police chief Richard Irons said autopsy would be performed today to determine cause of death. Assistant fire chief Gary Hazelton said house was total loss, but exact cause of fire was unknown. Mrs. Middlestadt was alone in house when fire started, according to firemen. (Staff photo)

Toll-Free Phone Setup Sought For 4 Towns

SOUTH HAVEN—Application has been filed for General Telephone company with the Michigan Public Service commission for toll-free service between South Haven, Bangor, Grand Junction and Glenn, R.R. Randall, district manager for General Telephone, announced today.

Randall said General and Glenn telephone companies have jointly requested authority to provide the extra service between Glenn and South Haven.

SEEK RATE HIKE

In a companion application, General Telephone company has also requested authority to increase local rates in its South

Haven, Bangor, and Grand Junction exchanges, Randall added.

If such applications are approved, it would mean that customers in the different exchanges would be able to dial calls directly to each other without toll charges.

Under the proposal, the calling area of the South Haven exchange would be increased by about 2,950 telephones, and the Bangor, Grand Junction and Glenn calling area would be increased by approximately 6,250 telephones located at South Haven.

With the increased number of telephones in a mutual calling area, Randall noted that the

increased exchange would fall within "a higher rate group and would result in a slight increase in monthly rates."

HEARING DUE

Randall indicated that the Michigan Public Service Commission would be holding a hearing on this proposal and that customers will receive notice of the hearing, including proposed rates, as soon as a hearing date has been determined.

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Payrolls First Step In Program

18 Districts In 2 Counties To Participate

By JERRY KRIEGER
County-Farm Editor

January paychecks for most teachers and other school personnel in Berrien and Cass counties will all be written by a computer at Andrews university, Berrien Springs, barring any hitches.

Computer preparation of the payroll for 18 districts will be the first step in a data processing program being started by the Berrien County Intermediate School district to handle much of the recordkeeping and paperwork school offices are burdened with.

Preparation of report cards, class scheduling, equipment inventories, budgets, attendance accounting and even scoring tests for all these districts are envisioned as chores for the computer in the next year or so ahead.

Berrien intermediate district is renting computer time at Andrews university's data processing center to get the program underway, but hopes to get its own computer equipment in its new headquarters at Berrien Springs by early 1970.

David Rhodes, director of data processing for the intermediate district, has been working since August to get the program launched. Assisting him is an advisory committee composed of either a superintendent or business manager from each of the 18 participating districts in the two counties.

Payroll clerks in the 18 districts have been assembling information since November in preparation for turning the job of payroll preparation over to the computer system in January.

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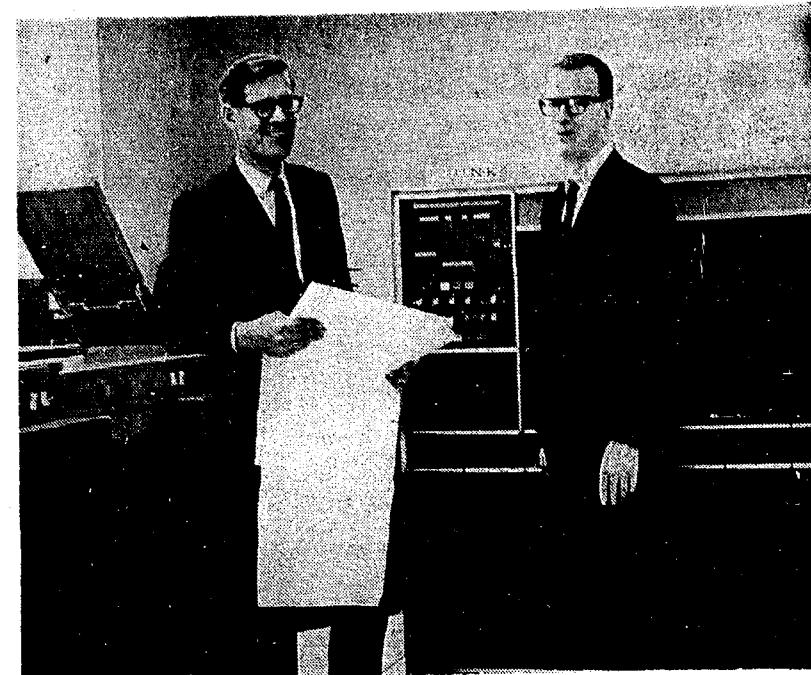
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READYING SCHOOL PAYROLL: David Rhodes (right), director of data processing for Berrien intermediate school district, confers with C. Murray Robinson, manager of computer operations at Andrews university, on problem involved in computerizing payroll preparation for 18 school districts in Berrien and Cass counties. Andrews' IBM 1401 computer is on center. (Staff photo)

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NILES — Myron C. Herrick, 76, long-time president of the Dawn Fresh Mushroom Co. of Niles, and former president of the Southwestern Michigan Council, Boy Scouts of America, died Monday afternoon at his home in Sarasota, Fla.

Mr. Herrick was born in Gunnison, Colo., and moved to the Niles area early in the 1930's. Soon after he became president of the Michigan Mushroom company and remained in this position until the company merged with the Green Giant company and became the Dawn Fresh Mushroom company. After the merger he remained in the position of consultant until he retired in 1960 and moved to Florida.

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Actress' Father Dies In Gobles

GOBLES — Rudolph Hrunek, 74, a retired chemist and father of television personality Betsy Palmer, died at his home at route 2, Gobles, of an apparent heart attack while shoveling snow on Monday.

Mr. Hrunek was born March 24, 1894, in Prague, Czechoslovakia. He was a chemist for the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company in East Chicago, Ind., before his retirement. He and his wife, Marie, owned 53 acres northwest of Gobles for the past 30 years and made Gobles their permanent home for the past six years.

After his retirement, Mr. Hrunek spent much of his time



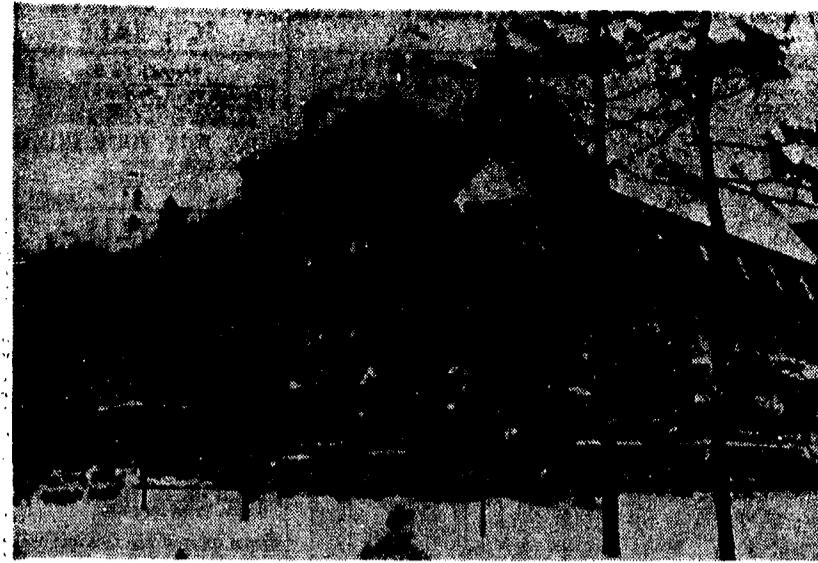
RUDOLPH V. HRUNEK

growing prize flowers at his home on Eagle Lake.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Betsy Palmer, the former Patricia Hrunek; a son, Jack V. of St. John, Ind.; and six grandchildren.

Betsy Palmer is best known for her appearances on the "I've Got A Secret," television show.

Private funeral services will be held at the Gobles chapel of the Robbins funeral home. The family has suggested memorials may be made to the Lake County Tuberculosis Association in Gary, Ind.



SCHOOL TO CLOSE: The Convent of the Sacred Heart in Grosse Pointe Farms, for 84 years a landmark of dignity and grace, will close its doors in June of this year. Realignment of operations and reallocation of personnel were given as reasons for closing by Sister Margaret Mary Coakley, superior of the New York province, in which the school is located. (AP Wirephoto)

Grosse Pointe School Lacks Nuns; Will Close

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Sister Margaret Mary Coakley superior of the New York province, said realignment of operations and the reallocation of personnel forced the closure. The president of the convent's Mothers' Club added: "there aren't enough nuns to give the students the kind of schooling they're in the religious life to give."

The Convent plans a public

discussion of the closing this week, as students began preparations for moving to other Sacred Heart schools and parents prepared to voice their disappointment.

A graduate predicted parents and alumna would strongly protest the move. One mother said "basically what the nuns do is teach a girl that there's a great deal of dignity being a mother and wife and in upholding the Judeo-Christian ethic."

She added "I feel there's a place for a school like this, particularly with this so-called new morality that we have."

OLD, OLD BUILDING

The society was founded in 1800 in France by Ste. Madeleine Sophie Barat, coming to America in 1819 and to Detroit in 1851. The convent is the second-oldest building in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tuition ranged in steps of \$100 from \$600 for the preschoolers to a high of \$1,000 for students in grades ten through 12. The tree-shaded and well landscaped campus contains the convention, a preschool building and a classroom building.

A secretary to the provincial superior in Greenwich, Conn., said no plans had been made for the disposition of the property.

Detroit Grant

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Tuesday gave the city of Detroit a \$399,652 advance for an urban renewal project that will eventually require about \$7,991,000 in federal funds.

Motions Slowing Down Trial Of Sirhan

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Defense motions to set aside Sirhan Bishara Sirhan's indictment and his plea of innocent come before Judge Herbert V. Walker today as his trial resumes on charges of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The case of the People vs. Sirhan opened formally Tuesday. Within minutes, one of Sirhan's attorneys asked for a closed session in Walker's chambers to

discuss motions. After an hour in chambers, four motions were introduced in open court and Walker—after ruling against two—directed the defense to submit written requests today on the others.

Sirhan, 24, a Jordanian who came to this country as a boy, was neatly dressed in a gray suit; white, button-down shirt and blue tie. He waved to his attorneys as he entered the heavy-

guarded, 75-seat courtroom. He sat next to them at the left end of the long counsel table but made no public statements.

LEGAL TECHNICALITY

The motion to withdraw the plea of innocent is a legal technicality. Under California law, an indictment can not be quashed while a plea stands. After a plea is withdrawn, and

if another indictment is re-entered, the original plea may be re-entered.

The motion attacking Sirhan's indictment is based on a contention the grand jury which indicted him was not composed of a proper cross-section of the community, said Russell Parsons, one of three defense lawyers. Parsons said such juries frequently exclude women, members of minority groups and people of various professions.

Sirhan is charged with shooting Kennedy to death and wounding five bystanders just after the New York senator proclaimed victory in California's Democratic presidential primary. Bystanders seized Sirhan after shots rang out as Kennedy walked through a crowded kitchen area of the Ambassador Hotel, site of the victory rally.

Another of the defense attorneys, Grant B. Cooper, told newsmen after Tuesday's court session that "it would be silly to deny he did it."

OTHER BUSINESS

After the Sirhan proceedings adjourned, Cooper appeared in U.S. District Court, just across the street. He had been directed to answer 45 questions dealing with how he obtained secret transcripts in another case. Cooper left the session an hour later, said he had not been ordered to return, but did not elaborate.

Cooper had said earlier in the week that his involvement in the grand jury case might require a postponement of the Sirhan trial. This subject was not mentioned in open court before Walker, however.

The defense also asked Walker for a 30-day delay to prepare the motion on Sirhan's plea and the jury list and requested two juries—one to decide for murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy last June. Sirhan arrived attired in a grey suit with a blue tie. (AP Wirephoto)

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The 12 men huddled in the single liferaft after abandoning their ship, the Sea Surveyor of New London, Conn., at midnight Monday, 20 minutes before the vessel sank about 280 miles southeast of New York.

The Sea Surveyor, 118 feet long, was owned by the electric boat division of the General Dynamics Corp. An air-sea search was begun after the ship failed

KIN AT TRIAL: Mrs. Mary Sirhan, whose son Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, went on trial in Los Angeles Tuesday for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, leaves the Hall of Justice with another son, Munir, at the close of the opening session.

The trial was adjourned until 2 p.m. Wednesday after a defense motion for a month's delay was denied. (AP Wirephoto)

Seats in the tiny courtroom were divided about evenly between security officers and newsmen, with only five members of the general public admitted. Sirhan's mother, Mary, 55, and brother, Munir, 21, sat in a back row.

IN COURT: Sirhan Bishara Sirhan provided this study as he entered a Los Angeles Superior courtroom Tuesday to go on trial for murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy last June. Sirhan arrived attired in a grey suit with a blue tie. (AP Wirephoto)

Wants Every Man To Own A Firearm

FRANKFURT, GERMANY (AP) — Two Molotov cocktails were thrown into the U.S. Information Service library early today, causing damage estimated at \$1,500.

Police said unknown persons broke a windowpane in the center's reading room and tossed it in the fire bombs.

Bookshelves were set ablaze, but firemen brought the fire under control within a short time.

21 OPPONENTS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mayor Sam Yorty will face 21 opponents in his re-election bid April 1, including the producer of his recent "Sam Yorty Show" on television. Producer John F. Rourke, 50, who barely made Monday's filing deadline, said he's running against Yorty "with some reluctance."

Chandler, who traces his ancestors to the Colonial days in New Hampshire, said "in those days every able-bodied man had a gun and it might come in handy these days."

He said that if this bill becomes law he will have to buy a gun "because I believe in obeying the law" and "because there's a penalty of \$100 in the bill" for not having a firearm.

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REGISTRATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Qualified Electors of the city of St. Joseph, Michigan, that I will be at the City Clerk's Office in the City Hall on Saturday, January 11, 1969, from 8 o'clock in the forenoon to 5 o'clock in the forenoon to 8 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, for the purpose of reviewing the registration and registering such of the qualified electors of the City who shall properly apply therefor.

New registrations and changes of address on recorded registrations will be taken during regular office hours up to and including Friday, January 17, 1969.

CHARLES J. RHODES

City Clerk

HP Adv.

Jan. 7, 8, 1969

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